

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-39 are pending in this application.

Applicants appreciate the courtesies shown to Applicants' representative by Examiner Riley in the October 8, 2009 personal interview. Applicants' separate record of the substance of the interview is incorporated into the following remarks.

**I. The Claims Are Patentable Over The Applied References**

The Office Action rejects claims 1-39 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 6,614,546 to Kurozasa in view of U.S. Patent No. 7,305,620 to Nakajima et al. (Nakajima). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

Regarding independent claims 1, 15, 29 and 36, the applied references, if combined, fail to result in: (1) "the image forming device comprising: a receiving unit that: receives a print request from the external device, the print request including printing data to be printed in accordance with the print request, and after reception of the printing data has begun, receives an editing request from the external device to edit the printing data"; and (2) "the image forming device comprising: ... a controller that: initiates an editing mode of the image forming device which enables editing of the printing data previously stored in the memory of the image forming device in response to the received editing request, the print request not being edited by the editing of the printing data, and performs data processing for providing image data from the printing data stored in the memory", as recited in claim 1 and similarly in claims 15, 29 and 36.

The Office Action acknowledges that Kurozasa fails to disclose the features quoted above, and cites to Nakajima as curing these deficiencies.

The Office Action cites to Nakajima and alleges that: (a) Fig. 9, steps S101-S111 and col. 6, line 56 to col. 7, line 3 discloses the claimed receiving unit; and (b) print controller 11 (Fig. 2) corresponds to the claimed controller.

Nakajima discloses a print controller 11 that converts a print request to "print control code" suitable for printing on printer 2 (col. 4, lines 45-48). The print controller 11 can add "added-value information" such as template data of a watermark or a stamp mark to the print control code (48-53). That is, the added-value information is added to the print data (Fig. 9, step S103) after the print request is received (Fig. 9, step S101). The print control code is stored in spooler 12 (col. 4, lines 58-60). Nakajima allows a user to edit the print control code stored in the spooler 12 (col. 6, lines 63-66). However, the data that the user can edit is the added-value information, not the print data of the print request (col. 5, lines 5-13). Further, in Nakajima, print controller 11, part of previewing device 10, is part of host computer 1, not in printer 2 (col. 4, lines 22-36; Figs. 1-2).

Even if the proposed combination would have been made, features (1)-(2) quoted above do not result because the previewing device 10 is in host computer 1, not in printer 2, as would be required to correspond to the claimed image forming device. That is, the editing request received at Fig. 9, step S105 occurs in the host computer 1.

Features (1)-(2) quoted above further do not result because the print data included in the print request received at Fig. 9, step S101 is not edited in Nakajima. Instead, the data edited at Fig. 9, step S107 is the added-value information added to the print data after the print data is received. That is, the print data received in Nakajima is not edited. In contrast, as claimed, the print data of the print request that is received is the data that is edited.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants request withdrawal of the rejection.

## **II. Conclusion**

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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